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From: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 8:38 PM
To: PortlandHarbor
Subject: FW: Get the Poison out of our River

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From: KnowWho Services [mailto:noreply@knowwho.services]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 9:00 AM
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Subject: Get the Poison out of our River

Dear Portland Harbor Cleanup Public Comments,

Dear Ms. McCarthy and Members of Congress,

This site is in the middle of a heavily populated urban area, just above its confluence with the Columbia River, one of the major salmon spawning systems in the world. It's cleanup has been postponed over and over again. To protect Portland residents and the environment of two major rivers, it must be done and thoroughly.

Disposing of heavily contaminated sediment on the riverside, while cheap, does not solve the problem. Remember, we're talking about Portland, Oregon where it rains heavily.

The proposed plan is not a cleanup of Portland Harbor: it's surrender to the industries who contaminated the river in the first place. It's a sop to the long suffering people who live here and who have the right to a thorough job. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic- less than that when you consider that stream side disposal of contaminated spoils insures that the contamination will leach back into the river.

A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that:

- Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Willamette and Columbia River resources;
- Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site;
- Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for all people;
- Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Portland Harbor, benchmarking present pollution levels so industry, in the future, cannot hid its dumping under cover of the existing situation;

These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve.

We all deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor.

Sincerely,

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